

**Subject:** Sunshine Law Request

**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2012 10:02:21 AM CT

**From:** Michelle L Clover

**To:** davisn@missouri.edu

**CC:** Sue Houston

Dear Dr. Davis,

This email is in response to your Missouri Sunshine Law request concerning library materials received in our office on February 9, 2012.

On September 8, 2005 a parent addressed the Board of Education regarding a sexually explicit scene in the book Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabane. At the time the book was available in our high school library and was included in the curriculum as required reading. The Assistant Superintendent and high school principal met with the curriculum review committee. The committee decided to remove the book from the required reading list to an optional read. The principal notified parents of the content of this book and other books on the optional reading list.

Kaffir Boy is still in our library.

I've attached the board meeting minutes and a copy of our Policy KLB for your reference. All our board policies are available on our website. [www.ritenour.k12.mo.us](http://www.ritenour.k12.mo.us)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Clover  
Executive Assistant  
Secretary to the Board of Education  
Ritenour School District  
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**MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
RITENOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

The Ritenour Board of Education met for a Regular Business Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ritenour Administration Center, 2420 Woodson Road.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Brad Thomas, President  
Dr. George Albin, Director  
Mr. Tom Drennan, Director  
Mrs. Ruth Greco, Director  
Mrs. Kathy Kuo, Director  
Mr. Gary Stein, Director

Administrative Center Staff Present:

Dr. Paul Doerrer, Superintendent  
Mr. Doug Baum, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
Ms. Cindy Gibson, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Dr. Rita Wildhaber, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Dr. Jack Williams, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Laurie Williams, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Dr. Max Wolfrum, Consultant to the Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

**Motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Greco, to excuse Mr. Young who was not present.**

**President Thomas determined the vote by voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Kratz Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not meet in closed session in August.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mr. Drennan, to adopt the agenda as amended. President Thomas determined the vote by voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.**

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of a Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Report of Closed Session
6. School of the Month
7. Public Comments
8. MSBA Delegate Report
9. Special School District Governing Council Report
10. President's Report
11. Superintendent's Report
12. 2005 Summer Academy Program Evaluation
13. 2006 Summer Academy Program Approval
- 14.a. 2006 Summer Wave Program Approval
- 14.b. 2005 Adult Education and Literacy Program Evaluation
15. FY 2006 Board Goal – Co-Curricular Programs

16. FY 2006 Board Goal – Immigrant and Minority Achievement
  17. Long-Term Substitute Teacher Compensation
  18. Personnel Recommendations
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #19 THROUGH #26
19. Approval of Minutes
  20. Evaluation of Alternative and At Risk Programs
    - 20.1 ACE Learning Center Program Evaluation
    - 20.2 Re-Entry Center Program Evaluation
    - 20.3 Positive Transitions Program Evaluation
  21. Bus Route Approval
  22. 2005 Summer Wave Program Evaluation
  23. Approval of Minutes
  24. Approval of Purchase Orders In Excess of \$1500/Transfers/Amendments
  25. Approval of Treasurer's Report
  26. Approval of Warrants
  27. Motion Closed Session
    - 27.1 Legal
    - 27.2 Student Personnel
    - 27.3 Personnel
    - 27.4 Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate
  28. Adjournment

#### SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Kathy Haake, principal of Kratz Elementary School, shared information regarding continuous efforts to improve student achievement.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Cara Stalzer, parent of a high school student reported her concerns about the content of the book titled Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabane being used in the tenth grade curriculum. President Thomas thanked her for her report and informed her that he will personally call her.

#### MSBA DELEGATE REPORT

Mrs. Kuo reminded the board and administrators of the Fall Meeting for Region 7 to be held on September 29, 2005. President Thomas reported the National School Boards Association is honoring middle and high school students for volunteer service in their communities. Mrs. Clover will forward this material to the schools.

#### SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT

Dr. Albin reported the joint meeting of the Governing Council and Board of Education will be held on October 5, 2005. Dr. Albin is not available to attend the meeting and Mr. Stein will serve in his place.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thomas presented the report which included the following reminders: the board will meet with area elected officials on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>; the Communications Audit session is Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the next Board/ Superintendent Work Session is Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>; the Hall of Fame Dinner is Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Homecoming is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the "Meet the Board" session will be at Marion at 2:30 p.m on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>; and the next regular Board Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. President Thomas also reminded everyone to check the Web Calendar for events at the various schools.



#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Doerrer asked Mrs. Laurie Williams to recognize Mr. Steve Brennan who was instrumental in the establishment of the Re-Entry Center Program. The Brennan family presented Mrs. Williams with a donation for the Re-Entry Center and Mrs. Williams presented the family with a plaque honoring Mr. Brennan. Mrs. Williams also asked Mr. Dan Garvey, Re-Entry Director and Mr. Eric Lindhorst, Social Worker to summarize the program at the Re-Entry Center. Dr. Doerrer also commented on school response to Hurricane Katrina, the start of school and the FY 2005 Missouri Assessment Program results.

#### 2005 SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM EVALUATION

Dr. Jack Williams presented the report. Mr. Dan Garvey, Mr. Tom Szlanda, Mr. Terence Peterson, Ms. Amanda Wohosky, Ms. Tara Natrass and Mrs. Dorlita Adams, the administrators of the programs, shared learning experiences and highlights of the program.

**Motion by Mrs. Greco, seconded by Mrs. Kuo, to accept the 2005 Summer Academy Program evaluation as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### 2006 SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM

Dr. Jack Williams presented the plan regarding the Summer Academy Program for 2006.

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mr. Stein, to authorize the administration to plan and operate a Summer Academy Program for 2006. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### 2006 SUMMER WAVE PROGRAM

Ms. Cindy Gibson presented the plan regarding the Summer Wave Program for 2006.

**Motion by Mrs. Greco, seconded by Mrs. Kuo, to authorize the administration to plan and operate a Summer Wave Program for 2006. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAM EVALUATION

Ms. Cindy Gibson introduced Ms. Karen Miller who reported the services provided by the program. Ms. Miller introduced Mr. Andre Young and Ms. Andrea Boyd who summarized the "Doors to Success" program.

**Motion by Mrs. Greco, seconded by Dr. Albin, to accept the Adult Education and Literacy Program evaluation as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

#### FY 2006 BOARD GOAL – CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Mrs. Laurie Williams, Mrs. Rhonda Haniford and Mr. Jerry Nolan presented a report regarding steps taken to strengthen the co-curricular program. A short video of the football jamboree was shown.

#### FY 2006 BOARD GOAL – IMMIGRANT AND MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Laurie Williams and Dr. Jack Williams presented a report summarizing enrollment trends and services provided for immigrant and minority students and families.

#### LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER COMPENSATION

Dr. Rita Wildhaber presented a report and answered questions regarding a requested increase in the compensation of long-term substitute teachers.

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mr. Drennan, to approve the long-term substitute teacher compensation rate as presented; \$150 per day beginning the first day of the long-term assignment. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wildhaber presented the recommendations.

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mrs. Greco, to approve Personnel Recommendations #1 through #4 as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mrs. Kuo, to approve Personnel Recommendations #5 through #10 as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mrs. Kuo, to approve Personnel Recommendations #11 through #31 as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mrs. Kuo, to approve the Co-Curricular and Extended Duty Personnel Recommendations #1 and #2 as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Motion by Dr. Albin, seconded by Mr. Stein, to approve the Co-Curricular and Extended Duty Personnel Recommendations #3 and #29 as presented. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 19 THROUGH 26

Approval of Minutes

Evaluation of Alternative and At Risk Programs

ACE Learning Center Program Evaluation

Re-Entry Center Program Evaluation

Positive Transitions Program Evaluation

Bus Route Approval

2005 Summer Wave Program Evaluation

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Purchase Orders In Excess of \$1500/Transfers/Amendments

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Approval of Warrants

**Motion by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mrs. Greco, to approve the Consent Agenda, items 19 through 26, as presented and recommended. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

**Motion by Mrs. Greco, seconded by Mr. Drennan, that the Board reconvene in Closed Session for the discussion of Legal, Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate, Personnel and Student Personnel agenda items at 9:34 p.m. President Thomas determined the vote by roll call. Motion carried 6-0.**

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President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

[Print Policy](#) [Close Policy](#)File: **KLB**Title: **PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CURRICULUM AND  
INSTRUCTIONAL OR MEDIA MATERIALS**

Section: School Community Relations

The Board has the ultimate responsibility for establishing the curriculum and for purchasing instructional and/or media materials. While the Board recognizes the right of students to free access to the many different types of books and instructional materials, the Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and the established curriculum. Consequently, materials are chosen for their educational value and interest and for their appropriateness for use with students.

Instructional materials are not excluded solely on the basis of the writer's racial, nationalistic, political, or religious views. Materials are neither acquired nor removed from use strictly on the basis of partisan or doctrinal considerations. Instead, the District attempts to use materials which represent a balance of many points of view on local, national and global issues both currently and historically. Materials are also expected to be objective, factually accurate, and appropriate to students' abilities and maturity levels. Works of fiction are expected to be in defensibly acceptable taste. Selection criteria also include multi-cultural, disability-aware and gender-fair considerations. Instructional or media materials used in the district's educational program consist of various types of print and nonprint materials.

Concerns about materials are to be handled through guidelines and procedures established to implement this policy. In addressing concerns the educational relevance of the material and the principles of academic freedom and the freedom to read are important considerations.

Re-Adopted - 01/13/2011  
Reviewed: 08-12-04  
Adopted: 11-11-93  
Revised: 05-13-99

Legal Refs: Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District v. Pico, 457 U.S. 53, 871 (1982)  
Cross Refs: IB-ACADEMIC FREEDOM  
IIAA-TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION  
IIBC-LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS



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JOURNALISM STUDIES DEPARTMENT



January 31, 2012

Dr. Richard Markley  
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Dear Dr. Markley,

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law (RSMo Chapter 610), I would like to obtain a copy of any and all records and correspondence pertaining to the challenge and/or removal of materials in school libraries and/or classrooms in your school district from January 1, 2008 to present. I have attached the form used by the Boone County School District to initiate book challenges as an example.

I understand that if I seek a copy of this record, there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of that cost prior to making the copy. I can be reached at 573-882-5736.

According to the statute, this request should be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the third business day following receipt of this letter. If access to the records I requested is going to take longer, please contact me so we can work out a reasonable date. I'll be back in touch in 10 working days if I don't hear from your office.

If you choose to deny the request, then you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "CND".

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